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**MEMO DATE:** March 24, 2021

**TO:** Ordinance Review Committee

**FROM:** Heidi Murphy

**RE:** Discuss Chapter 325-93: Swimming Pools

**Some surrounding communities have modified their fence ordinances so that a fence is not required around an in ground swimming pool when there is a safety or automatic cover installed on the pool. The committee should discuss if we would like to recommend pursuing this change as a resident has requested review of this ordinance.**

The proposed changes allow for residential pool owners to choose one of the follow safety barrier options:

- Pool fence with specifications and meeting the general requirements of fences
- Power safety cover complying with ASTM F 1346-91 and subsurface disturbance sensor alarm
  - o Subsurface disturbance sensors measure disturbances to the water pressures to activate alarm circuitry, cost around \$250, and, when used correctly, provide an additional layer of protection

In addition to the safety barrier requirements, additional language is proposed to address which pools fall under this requirement, add access to additional safety devices, and require all pools to comply with these requirements before water is added to the pool.

As this ordinance is being changed outside of the scope of fences, it is recommended that we move this section to a reserved area of the zoning code to section 325-93.